

**WHEREAS**, the total cost of CERP is estimated to be in the range of \$16-\$20 billion and annual funding has been significantly short of the \$200 million per year minimum from U.S. Congress that is required to keep it on a competent track for completion; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the U.S. Conference of Mayors, including the Mayors of the Southwest Florida Cities of Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, Estero, Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach, and Sanibel, supports funding the restoration of CERP and America's Everglades in the amount of \$200 million in annual funding from U.S. Congress to address concerns relating to pollution, wildlife, impacts to the environment and humans, water movement and storage, and water reuse.

***Mayor Peter Simmons***  
***City of Bonita Springs***

***Mayor Joe Coviello***  
***City of Cape Coral***

***Mayor William F. Ribble***  
***Village of Estero***

***Mayor Randal P. Henderson, Jr.***  
***City of Fort Myers***

***Mayor Anita Cereceda***  
***Town of Fort Myers Beach***

***Mayor Kevin Ruane***  
***City of Sanibel***